

REMARKS

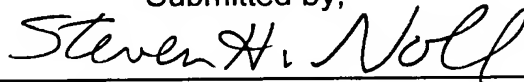
In the Office Action dated March 13, 2006, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between claims 1 and 22, directed to a system for biventricular stimulation, and claims 23-25, directed to a method for treating congestive heart failure.

In response, Applicants herewith elect claims 23-25 for immediate examination, without traverse. Accordingly, claims 1-22 have been cancelled, without prejudice to the possibility of making those claims the subject of a divisional application.

Additionally, new claims 26-43 are submitted herewith, which track the subject matter of certain of the cancelled apparatus claims, expressed in method terms.

Early consideration of the method claims on the merits is therefore respectfully requested.

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